

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KELLY LOUISE NICHOLLS,

Defendant.

CR 16–01–M–DLC–2

ORDER

United States Magistrate Judge Jeremiah C. Lynch entered Findings and Recommendation in this matter on April 6, 2016. Neither party objected and therefore they are not entitled to *de novo* review of the record. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). This Court will review the Findings and Recommendation for clear error. *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc.*, 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a “definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.” *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000).


Judge Lynch recommended this Court accept Kelly Louise Nicholls’ guilty plea after Nicholls appeared before him pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, and entered a plea of guilty to one count of passing counterfeit

obligations of the United States in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 472, as set forth in Count II of the Indictment. Defendant further admitted to the allegation of forfeiture. In exchange for Defendant's plea, the United States has agreed to dismiss Counts I and III of the Indictment.

I find no clear error in Judge Lynch's Findings and Recommendation (Doc. 43), and I adopt them in full, including the recommendation to defer acceptance of the Plea Agreement until sentencing when the Court will have reviewed the Plea Agreement and Presentence Investigation Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Kelly Louise Nicholls' motion to change plea (Doc. 31) is GRANTED and Kelly Louise Nicholls is adjudged guilty as charged in Count II of the Indictment.

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2016.



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Dana L. Christensen, Chief District Judge  
United States District Court